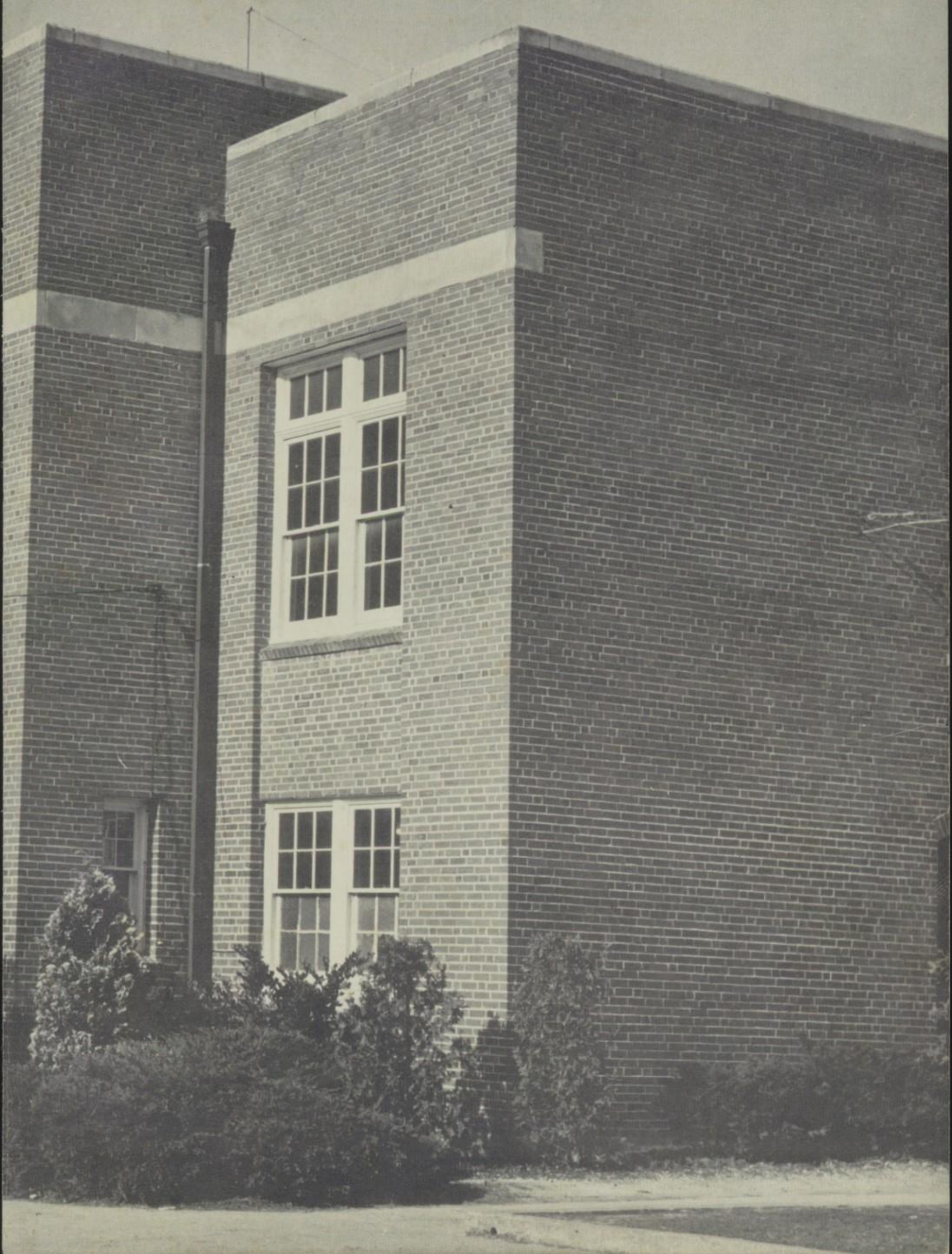


1955

THE SKYLARK



Deborah Finch



The 1955 Skylark





Foreword

We, the graduating class of 1955, in this annual have tried to represent the hopes, dreams, and activities of our high school years--the games, parties, romances, and studies of our days in school.

Although we have had many failures, we have tried to set good examples and to help our lower classmen through difficult times. We have tried to do our part in sharing responsibilities and in keeping the school's reputation.

We hope that our lower classmen will enjoy dear old Valley Springs as well as we have, and that this annual will preserve our most cherished memories forever.





Dedication

We, the senior class of 1955, do gratefully dedicate our annual to a teacher who has endeared herself to each and everyone of us by her kindness, her self-sacrificing help, her infinite understanding and her wonderful personality - - to
MRS. DOROTHY DUNN.



Dedicated
Mrs. Dunn
good to you for
you are a good
girl. Best wishes!
Good Luck!
Mrs. Dunn

Senior Class History

In the year 1943 on a clear, warm day, among the students sitting in the first grade at Valley Springs were: Kenneth Bagwell, Genell Baldwin, Pauline Baldwin, Shirley Brackett, Jackie Brown, Mary Jo Butler, Frank Cordell, Ray Gasperson, Billie Jo Glenn, Johnnie Graham, Dickie Johnson, Shirley McDonald, Nancy Messer, Kenneth Metcalf, Eddie Murray, Jimmie Searcy, Sally Tandy, Elenora Tate, Joe Ward, Charles Wells, Bill Wilkie, Catherine Woods, Allen Young, Gene Ducker, Doris Sumner, and Richard Ledbetter.

We were one big, happy family until about the third, fourth, fifth, and sixth grades when Lee Boyd, Stuart Hart, David Hardie, Rose Mary Peck, Betty Lou Mull, Louise Tandy, and Gudrun Unger thought they would try Valley Springs for a while; but they liked it so well they stayed. By the time we got into the seventh and eighth grades things really began to get into a scramble, for then along came Anne Hawes, Harold Holbert, Eloise McBee, Maxine Metcalf, Mary Evelyn Allen, and Robert Herzberg.

Well, we were all doing fairly well until about the ninth and tenth grades when Pat McCrary, Scott Harmon, Pauline King, and Frank Harmon came, and even Richard Ledbetter came back. By now the teachers were really getting gray and run down, but after thinking that they would get "rid" of us after two more years, they pepped up.

During the junior year no newcomers came, but other important events began to happen. The Junior-Senior Banquet which brought along hard work and fun was here at last. The never-to-be-forgotten night arrived. The girls "dolled" up in pretty formals and the boys in new suits and headed for Grove Park Inn. That was really something to dress up for!

Then the time came when we were measured for our class rings. We really felt we were reaching the last step of the ladder.

After twelve long awaited years we now had our rings and were guests at Junior-Senior Banquet instead of hosts. During the senior year, Betty Mull Hare came back, and James Nalley stepped into the family to receive along with us our diplomas and the other blessings that will help us to face what life has to offer.

The members of the senior class of 1955 depart from their many hours of study and fun but will cherish them always as the happiest days of their youth.

Pauline Baldwin
Jimmie Searcy





L. GUY ENSLEY

B. S. Math and Science WCC
MED Administration and Supervision UNC
Graduate Work MIT

L. Guy Ensley

Administration

MRS. LOUISE D. BALDWIN
Radford College
B. S. in Education

*Best liked
Mrs. Baldwin*

MR. M. E. NESBITT
North Carolina State
B. S. in Agriculture Education

MRS. ELIZABETH B. SINK
A. B. Woman's College, University of N. C.
M. A. University of North Carolina

Elizabeth Sink

MR. JOHN BROOKS MAY
Mars Hill College
Western Carolina College
B. S. ED., M. A. ED.

*Best liked
John B. May*

MRS. ROSA LEE BALDWIN
Berea College
A. B. in Mathematics

*Delores
I have enjoyed having
you in geometry.
Rosa Lee Baldwin*

MR. HUGH R. SIZEMORE
B. S., M.A., Brevard College
Western Carolina College
George Peabody College for Teachers

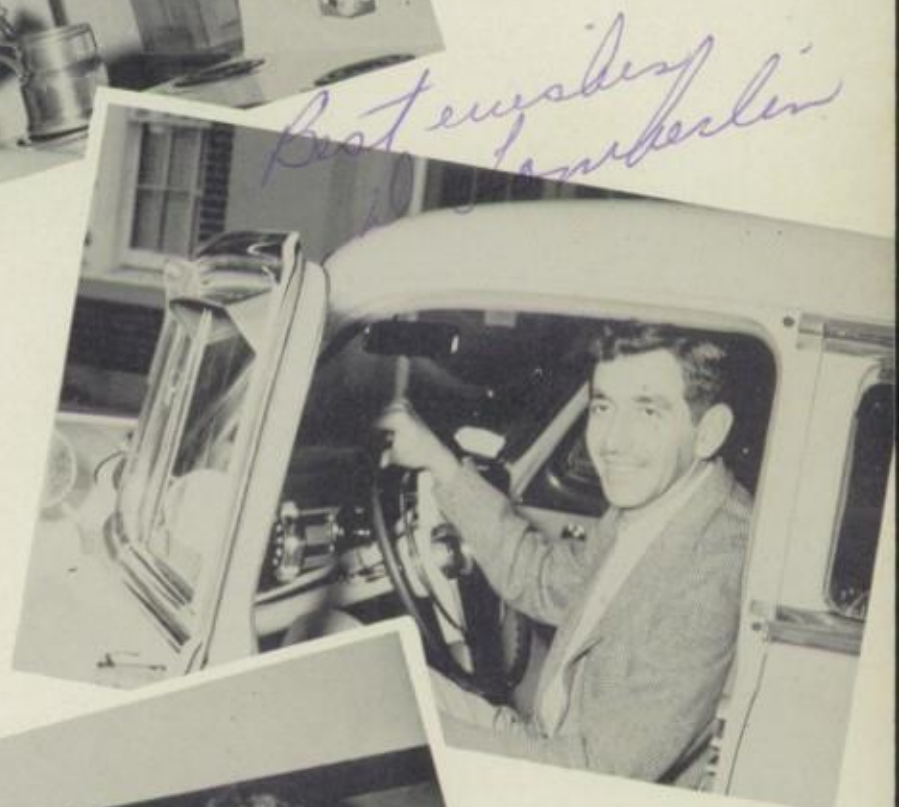


MRS. CLAIRE B. RECTOR
B. A. Mars Hill College
B. S. Woman's College of
University of N. C.

*Best Wishes
Mrs. Rector*



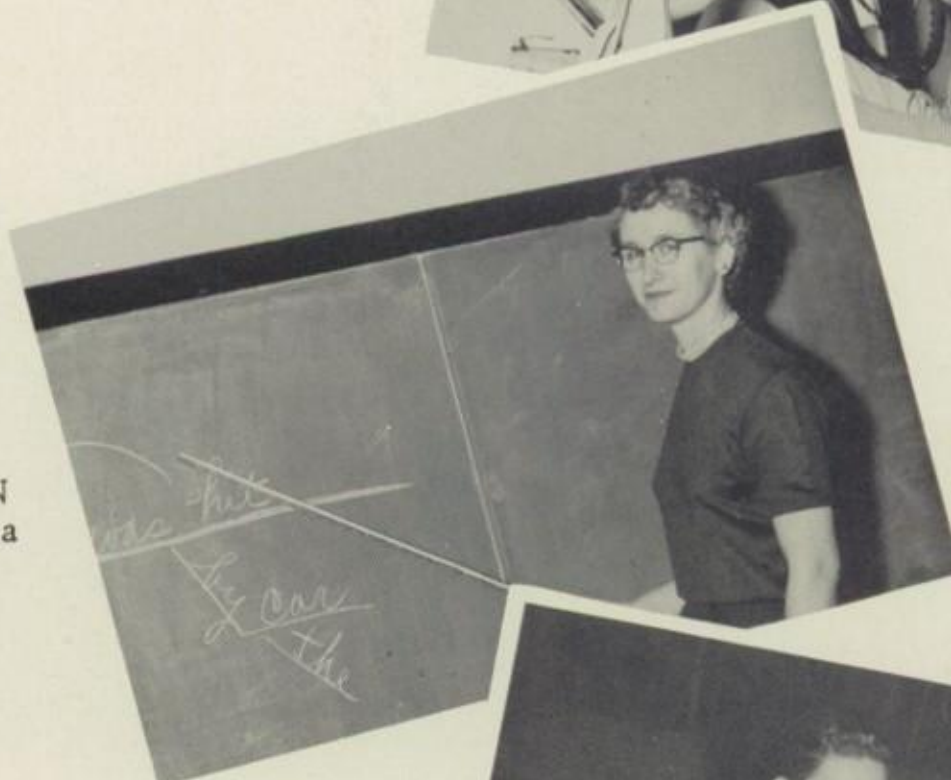
MR. DON TOMBERLIN
B. S. Western Carolina College



*Best wishes
Don Tomberlin*

Dorothy D. Dunn

MRS. DOROTHY D. DUNN
University of North Carolina
A. B. in English



*Best Wishes
David Huff*

MR. DAVID H. HUFF, JR.
B. A. Bob Jones University
M. A. Appalachian State
Teachers College





Principal's Message

To The Seniors

The faculty of Valley Springs School would like to say to the seniors of 1955 that we are happy to have been a part of your formal school education. We have observed with much interest, your development in the social, intellectual, and spiritual realms of growth. Graduation from high school is a worthy goal for any young person to seek, and you will soon reach that goal. The victories over some of the realities of life have not been easily won for you. Some of your classmates have fallen out along the path because they lacked the stamina that you have exemplified.

As you go forth to explore the world of tomorrow, we feel that you will hold always some of the memories of your high school days--memories of interesting days in the classroom, of funny incidents along the way, of basketball games, of musical contests, of things the "gang" did, of associations with one another, of friendships, of vacation days, and of guidance given you by your teachers.

As you seek to make the best of your ability either in a higher education or in industry, you must keep in mind that no endeavor is worthy of being engaged in that does not call for your best efforts and hard work. A day dreamer doesn't have the vision for success with his wrong slant on life. Progress comes about because someone has the vision to realize a need, plans the procedure to take in regard to this need, and then works that plan in a practical way.

In the light of present day methods of war, we must find a realistic meaning of the word "Freedom," and in that meaning must be the living together as individuals and as nations in global universe. This generation of adults looks with optimism to you boys and girls to do a better job with freedom than we have. The learning of this lesson of living successfully with other people will often dishearten you, but will also challenge the best within you.

You owe a debt of gratitude to your parents and others who have made your education possible. The best way you can repay them is to leave to those that follow you a world where people can live together in freedom and peace.

Sincerely,

L. Guy Ensley

L. Guy Ensley,
Principal



PRESIDENT
Joe Ward

VICE-PRESIDENT
Pauline Baldwin

SECRETARY
Genell Baldwin

TREASURER
Eddie Murray

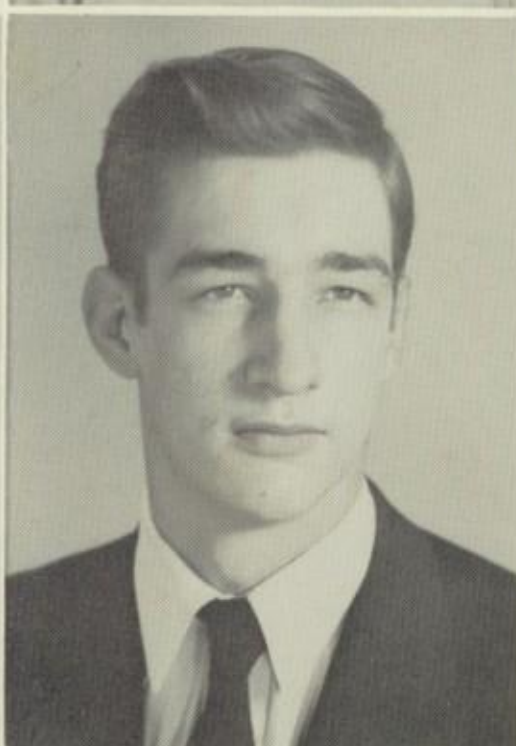
Senior Class Officers

Mascots

MARY ANN WADDELL

MIKE WHITAKER, JR.





MARY EVELYN ALLEN
"Evylena"

Shorthand Club 4; Dramatics 4.

KENNETH GLAZENER BAGWELL
"Bag"

F. F. A. 1,2,3,4; Officer 2; Glee Club 1; Highlight Staff 4; Dramatics 4.

KAY GENELL BALDWIN
"Ginger"

"Most Popular" 4; Skylark Staff 4; Highlight Staff 4; Cheerleader 3,4; Glee Club 1,2,3,4.

MILDRED PAULINE BALDWIN
"Polly"

"Most Attractive" 4; Marshal 3; Vice-President 4; Basketball 3,4; Skylark Staff, Assistant Editor 4; Glee Club 1,3.

EDWARD LEE BOYD

F. F. A. 1,4; French Club 3; Basketball 3; Baseball 3.

SHIRLEY TEMPLE BRACKETT

Shorthand Club 4; Basketball 4; F. H. A. 1,2; Dramatics 4; Glee Club 1,4.

JACK DAVID BROWN
"Red"

Highlight Staff 4; Glee Club 1; F. F. A. 1,2,3,4; Dramatics 4.

MARY JO BUTLER
"Jo"

Skylark Staff 4; Highlight Staff 3; Octette 1,2; Trio 3; Glee Club 1,2,3,4.



FRANK PORTER CORDELL

Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 1,3,4; F. F. A. 1,2,4; "Neatest".

LEE ROY CORNWELL
"Cotton"

F. F. A. 1,2,3,4; F. F. A. Secretary 4.

JAMES WILLIAM EUGENE DUCKER
"Duck"

Glee Club 1,3,4; F. F. A. 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2; Baseball 1,2; Student Patrol 1,2,3,4; Christmas Play 1; Lunch Room 2,3,4.



RAY GASPERSON
"Razor"

F. F. A. 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 1; Highlight Staff Typist 4.

BILLIE JO GLENN
"Beige"

Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Basketball 2,3; F. H. A. 1; Shorthand Club President 4; Trio 3.

JOHN WEST GRAHAM
"Blondie"

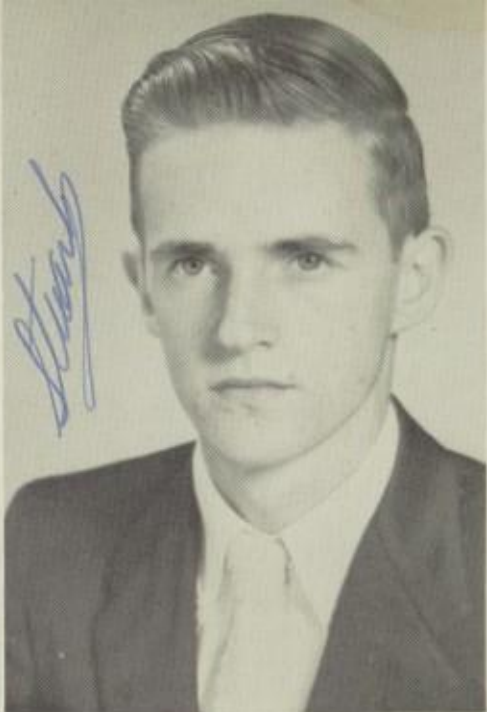
"Most Popular" 4; Basketball 1,2,3; Baseball 1,2,3; Bus Driver 3,4; F. F. A. 1,2,3,4; Officer 4.

DAVID ALEXANDER HARDIE
"Possum"

F. F. A. 1,2,3,4; President 4; "Wittiest"; Skylark Staff 4; Square Dance Team 3,4.

BETTY LOU MULL HARE
"Bet"

F. H. A. 1,3; Glee Club 1,4; Highlight Staff 2,4; Skylark Staff 4; Banquet Committee 3; Declamation Contest 1.



FRANK HARMON
"Frankie"

Dramatics 4.

RUSSELL SCOTT HARMON
"Cotty"

4-H 1; Glee Club 1,4; Latin Club 3; Square Dance Team 3; Dramatics 4.

STUART HART
"Stu"

Skylark Staff 4; Glee Club 1,3; Student Patrol 1,2; Latin Club 3; Dramatics 4.

MARY ANN HAWES
"Pan"

Basketball 2,3,4; "Wittiest" 4; Highlight Staff 4; Glee Club 1,2,3; F. H. A. 1,2,3.

WILLIAM HAROLD HOLBERT
"Hobert"

F. F. A. 1,2,3,4; Bus Driver 3,4; 4-H 1,2; Fat Stock Show 2,3,4; Glee Club 1,3,4; F. F. A. Judging Contest 1,2,3,4; Dramatics 4.

JAMES DICKEY JOHNSON
"Dick"

Glee Club 1,3,4; F. F. A. 1,2,3; "Best Personality"; Student Patrol 4; Latin Club 3; English Play 2; Dramatics 4.

PAULINE KING
"Polly"

Basketball 1,2,3; "Most Athletic"; Shorthand Club 4; Glee Club 3,4; Assistant Coach 4.

RICHARD STANLEY LEDBETTER
"Beef"

Glee Club 3,4; Latin Club 3; Latin Play 3; Basketball 1; English Play 2; Future Teachers of America 3; Dramatics 4.

Seniors

1955



Eloise



ELOISE ANN McBEE
"Pumpkin"

Skylark Staff 4; Editor-in-Chief 4; Highlight Staff 4; Banquet Committee 3; Banquet Speaker 3.

CHARLES PATRICK McCrARY
"Pat"

Skylark Staff 4; F. F. A. 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 1; Bus Driver 3; F. F. A. Vice-President 4.

SHIRLEY MAE McDONALD
"Toots"

Glee Club 1,2; Skylark Staff 4; Highlight Staff 4; Dramatics 4; Shorthand Club and Play 3.

Jim



ROY KENNETH METCALF
"Mitch"

F. F. A. 1,2,3,4; Student Patrol 3,4; Dramatics 4.

MAXINE METCALF
"Mack"

Shorthand Club 4; Skylark Staff 4; Highlight Staff 4; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; "Best All Round".

CHARLES EDWARD MURRAY
"Eddie"

F. F. A. 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3; Glee Club 1,3,4; Marshal 3; Senior Class Treasurer 4; Highlight Staff 4; Skylark Staff 4.

JAMES HARRY NALLEY
"Bud"

Biology Club 3; Sports Artist 2,3; Art Club 1,2,3; Glee Club 1,2; Basketball 1,2,3,4.

ROSE MARY PECK
"Rosie"

Cheerleader 4; Marshal 3; Skylark Staff 4; Highlight Staff 4; Glee Club 1.



VIRGINIA RAY
"Genny"

Glee Club 2,4; Shorthand Club 4;
Perfect Attendance 3 Years;
Dramatics 4.

JAMES LYTTLE SEARCY
"Jimmie"

Marshal 3; Banquet Speaker 3; Sky-
lark Staff 4; Highlight Staff 4;
"Most Attractive" 4.

DORIS COTHRAN SUMNER
"Do Bo"

Basketball 2; Shorthand Club 4;
Secretary-Treasurer 4; Glee Club
1; Dramatics 4.

LOUISE TANDY
"Lou"

Highlight Staff 3,4; Editor 4; Sky-
lark Staff 4; Banquet Speaker 3;
Chief Marshal 3.

SALLY ANNA TANDY
"Sal"

Latin Club 3; F. H. A. 1,2,3,4; Glee
Club 1,2,3; Perfect Attendance 5
Years; Dramatics 4.

HELEN ELENORA TATE
"Friday"

Basketball 3,4; Glee Club 1,3,4;
F. H. A. 1,2; F. H. A. Committee
1; Dramatics 4.

GUDRUN IRMGARD KARIN UNGER
"Guddy"

Basketball 3; Banquet Committee 3;
Highlight Staff 4; Production Man-
ager 4; F. H. A. 1,2,3,4; "Neatest"
4; Dramatics 4; Student Patrol 3.



JOSEPH HARDY WARD, JR.
"Jo-Jo"

Class President 2,3,4; Basketball 1;
2,3,4; Co-Marshall 3; Banquet
Speaker 3; Skylark Staff 4; High-
light Staff 1,3,4.

CHARLES DEWIGHT WELLS
"Buzz"

F. F. A. 1,2,3,4; Dramatics 4.

NANCY MESSER WHITAKER

F. H. A. 1; Cheerleader 3; Glee
Club 1,2,3.

WILLIAM HOWARD WILKIE, JR.
"Bill"

F. F. A. 1,2; Band 1,2; Highlight
Staff 3,4; "Most Likely To Succeed";
"Most Studious".

CATHERINE MARIE WOODS
"Kitty"

Shorthand Club 3,4; Skylark Staff 4;
Highlight Staff 3; Glee Club 1,2;
Dramatics 4.

ALLEN WALTON YOUNG
"Honchey"

F. F. A. 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4;
Glee Club 3,4; Square Dance Team
3,4; Dramatics 4.

Superlatives

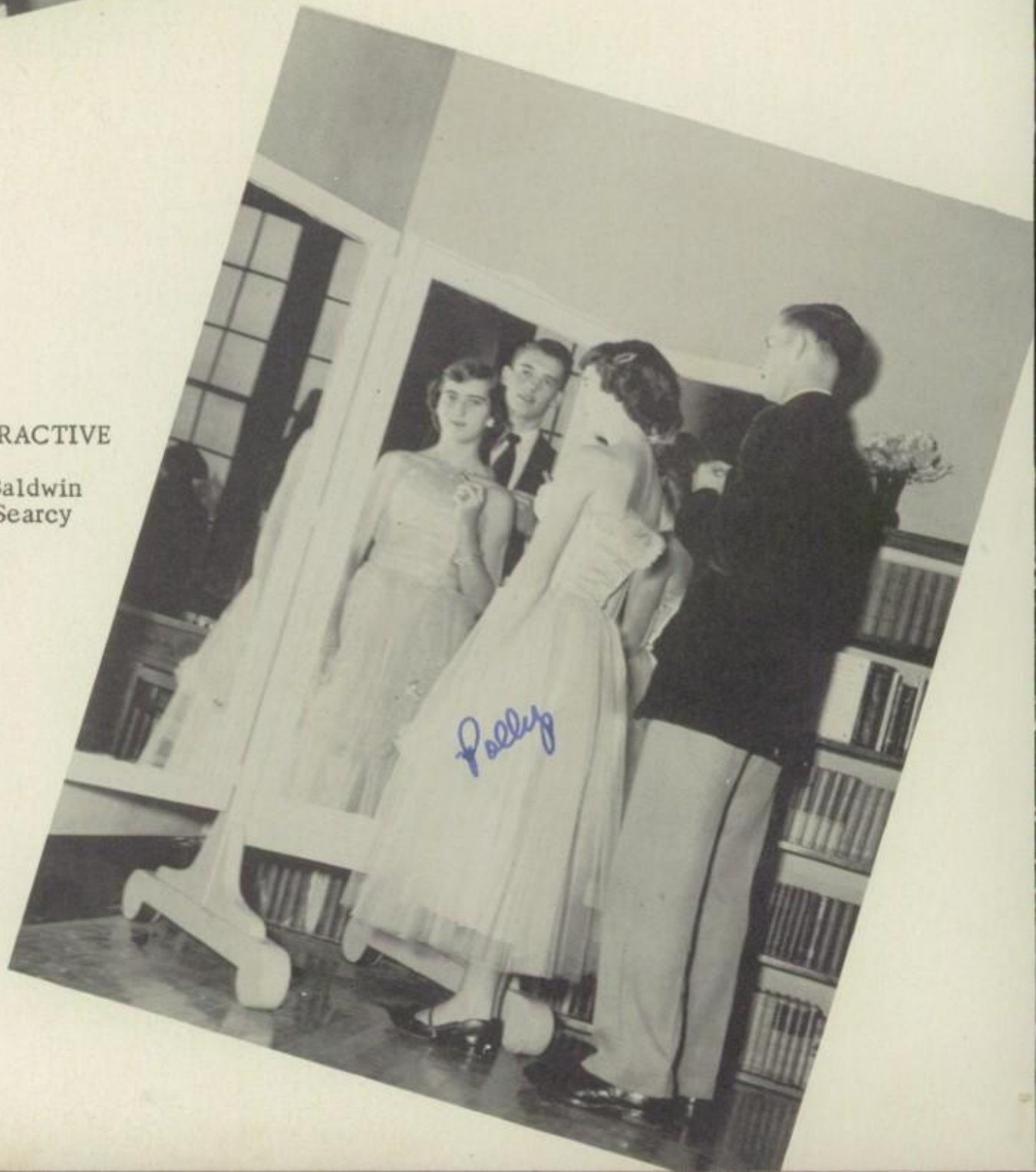
WITTIEST

David Hardie
Ann Hawes



MOST ATTRACTIVE

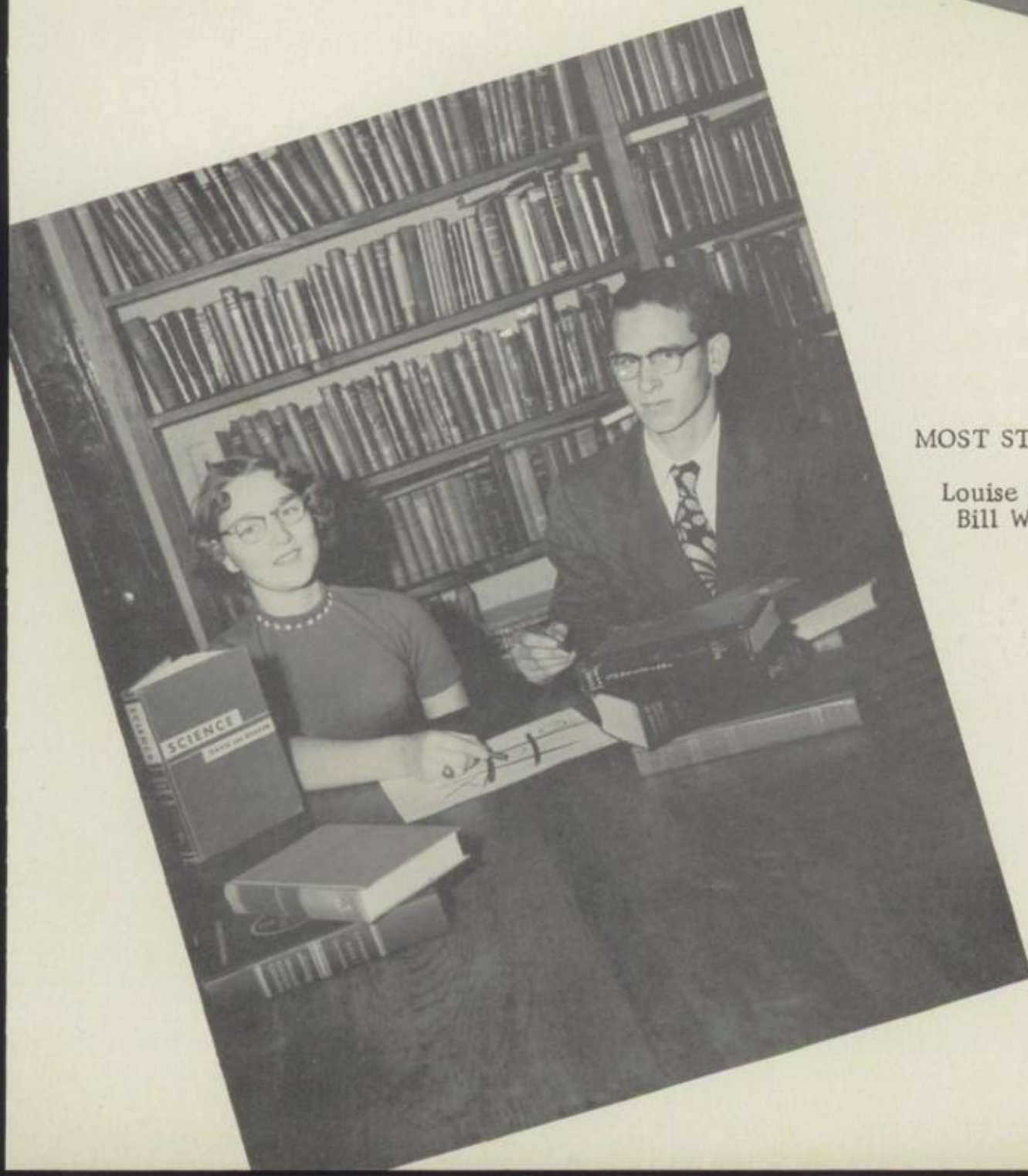
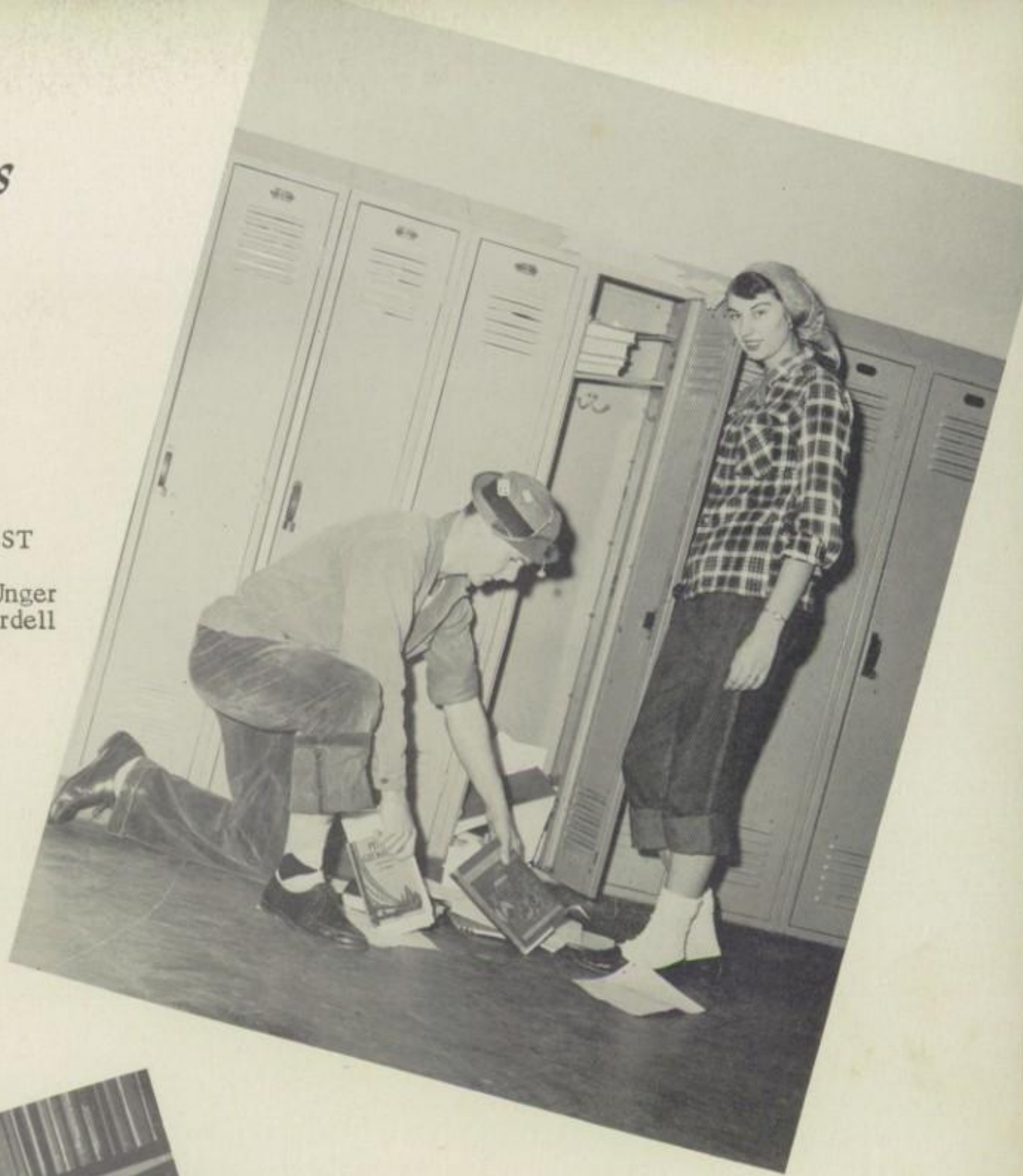
Pauline Baldwin
Jimmie Searcy



Superlatives

NEATEST

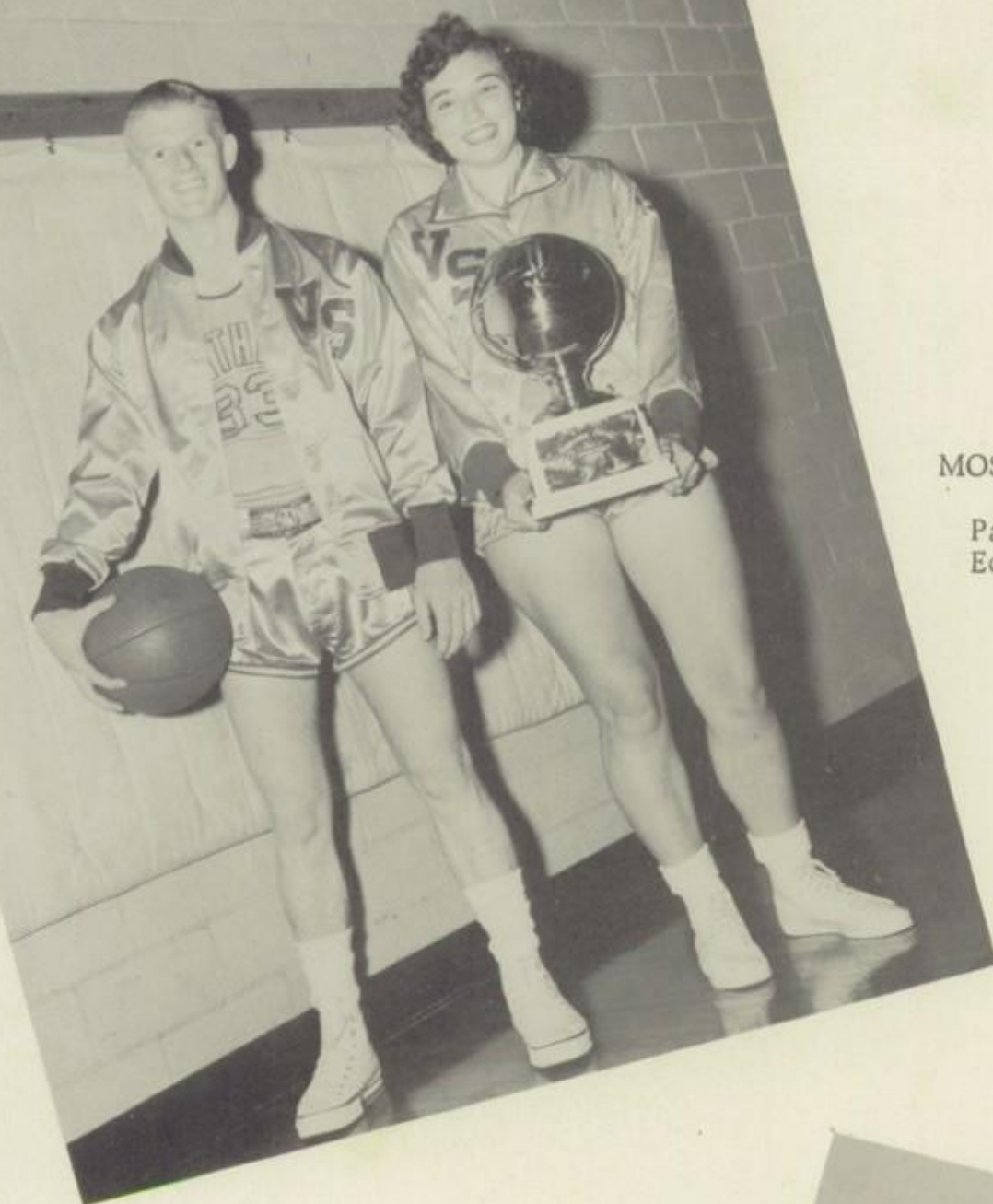
Gudrun Unger
Frank Cordell



MOST STUDIOUS

Louise Tandy
Bill Wilkie

Superlatives



MOST ATHLETIC

Pauline King
Eddie Murray

BEST PERSONALITY

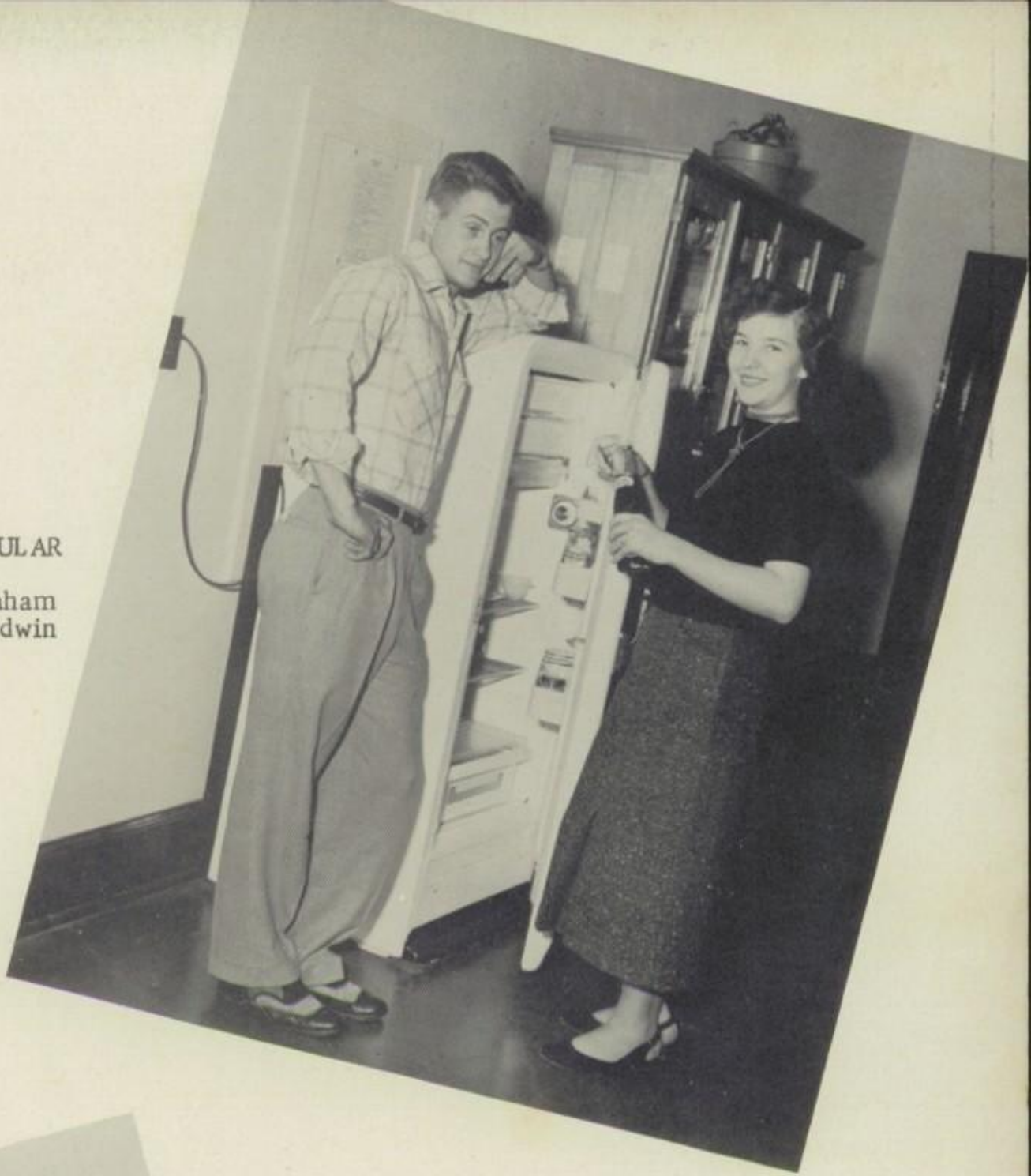
Billie Jo Glenn
Dickie Johnson



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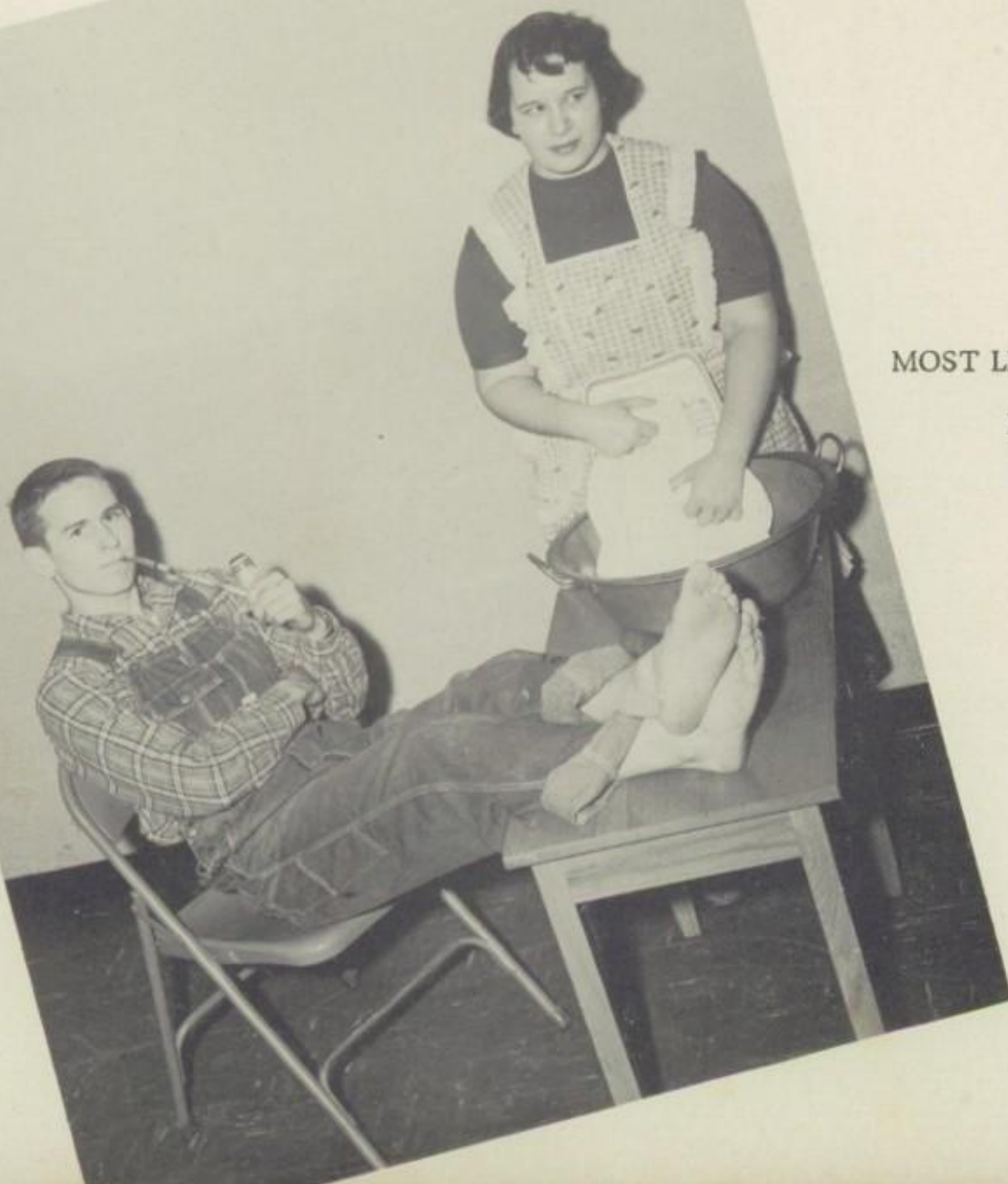
MOST POPULAR

Johnnie Graham
Genell Baldwin



MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED

Eloise McBee
Bill Wilkie



Superlatives

MOST DEPENDABLE

Louise Tandy
Joe Ward



BEST ALL ROUND

Maxine Metcalf
Scott Harmon



Junior Class

Betty Bagwell
Robert Ball
Vickey Blythe
Wilma Brown



Edith Buckner
Peggy Ann Carroll
Tommy Ann Clontz
Shannon Cochrane



Joan Connor
Vernon Cordell
Ann Creasman
Joan DuBose



G. B. Gasperson
Gail Haney
Patricia Hardie
Cordelia Higgins



Charles Perry Hogsed
Betty Lou Hollifield
Roy Israel
Franklin Jones



Junior Class

Yvonne Kale
Boyce Kanupp
Ethel Kyle
Elaine Lance

Betty Ledbetter
Clark Lisenbee
Calvin Metcalf
Leon Metcalf

Norma Middleton
Obie Moore
Billy Norteman
Beverly Price

Lloyd Reid
George Shipman
Jack Stepp
Ola Thain

Elizabeth Tomberlin
Maxine Treadway
Ann Weir

Sophomores

Dallas Bishop
Virginia Bishop
Jean Bridges
Sarah Brown
Kathleen Caldwell
Patricia Campbell
Charlie Carland

Janet Cauble
Faith Christopher
Lane Coggins
Dorothy Corn
Nina Cornwell
Bill Creasman
James Dill

Charles Ducker
David Ducker
Anita Mae Dumas
Ray Elingburg
Deborah Finch
Betty Gasperson
Cecily Gasperson

Gale Gasperson
Mazie Gordon
Barbara Greene
Steve Greene
Helen Hart
Eugene King
George Lance

Donna Ann Ledbetter
David Mallory
Lynn Maney
Betty McDonald
Bill McGuire
Betty Jo McMinn
Judy Messer

Carolene Metcalf
Patricia Metcalf
Gerald Moore
William Moore
Sarah Lou Penix
William Pinner
Martha Pittillo

Howard Ray
Louise Ray
Ned Ray
Nancy Roberts
Virginia Shell
Joyce Shipman
Margie Spillman

Carole Spooner
Mary Jo Treadway
Barbara Vick
Kay Ward
Steve West
Wallace Whitesides
Patsy Williams

Peggy Williams
Betty Young





Freshmen

Edsel Austin
 Opal Bagwell
 Jack Baldwin
 Buddy Baldwin
 Norma Jean Ball
 Jo Ann Banks
 Jane Barnhardt
 Willyse Barnwell
 Mary Bradley
 Harriet Buis
 Nancy Cagle
 Helen Caldwell
 Bobby Corn
 Roy Chapman
 Keith Cochrane
 Joel Corn
 Ann Elingburg
 Nita Gibson
 Woodfin Glenn
 Patricia Graham
 Thomas Graham
 Dorothy Gregg
 Walter Hare
 Karen Harmon
 Louie Harmon
 Jennifer Harrison
 Betty Hart
 Jerry Heckler
 James Hill
 Thomas Holbert
 Judy Hollifield
 George Holmes
 Brenda Hunter
 Elizabeth Ingram
 Fred Israel
 Jack Johnson
 Hershel Jones
 Wayne Kale
 Edith Kyle
 Donald Lance
 Robert Ledbetter
 Wayne Lisenbee
 Billie Luther
 Maurice McBee
 David Meece
 Martha Messer
 Virginia Moore
 Arthur Moorhead
 Walter Morgan
 Marion Nalley
 Martha Price
 David Reid
 Henry Reynolds
 Stuart Reemes
 Sandra Rhodes
 Carol Sammis
 Chestley Sands
 Frances Shell
 Mary Silvers
 Stella Silvers
 Jack Snyder
 Mary Ruth Stepp
 Sarah Shuffler
 Joe Tandy
 Wolfgang Unger
 Dan Waddell
 Donald Whitener
 Mae Williams
 Furman Williams
 Neal Wilson
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Future Farmers Of America



David Hardie President
 Pat McCrary . . . Vice-President
 Roy Cornwell Secretary

Eddie Murray Treasurer
 Johnnie Graham Reporter
 Kenneth Bagwell Sentinel



Future Homemakers Of America



Donna Ann Ledbetter . . . President

Jean Bridges Vice-President

Shannon Cochrane Secretary

Carol Sammis Treasurer

Dallas Bishop Parlimentarian

Kay Ward Reporter

Helen Hart Historian

Carole Spooner Song Leader

Genell Baldwin Pianist



4 H Club

HEAD

HEART



HANDS

HEALTH



Cercle Joscelyn

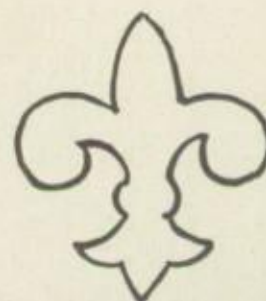


Les Coulisse a' victoire



Les Amis Francais

French Clubs





Mixed Chorus

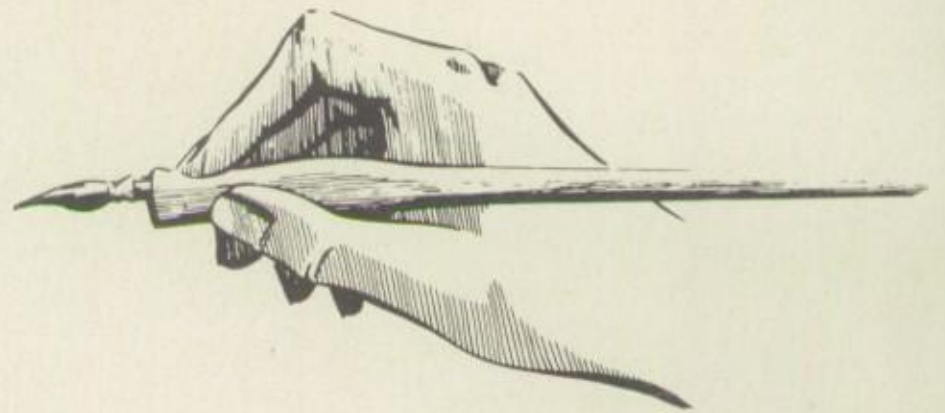
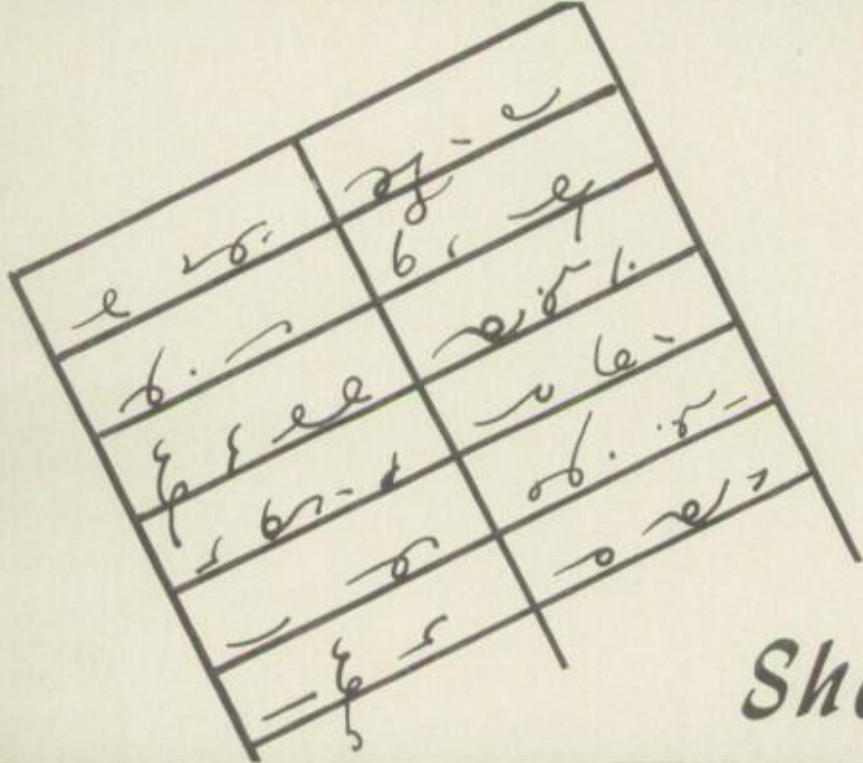


Girls' Glee Club





Band



Shorthand





Skylark Staff

EDITOR
Eloise McBee

ASSISTANT EDITOR
Pauline Baldwin

Highlight Staff

EDITOR
Louise Tandy

ASSOCIATE EDITOR
Shannon Cochrane



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Basketball

December

2	Hendersonville	T
7	Mills River	T
10	Sand Hill	H
14	Leicester	T
17	Biltmore	H

January

7	Mills River	H
11	West Buncombe	H
14	Candler (Enka)	T
18	Biltmore	T



Basketball

T	Sand Hill	21
H	Fairview	25
H	Fines Creek	27
H	Leicester	28

January

T	Mars Hill	1
H	Hendersonville	4
	Open	8
H	Mars Hill	11
T	Fairview	15
H	Candler	18

February





Baseball



Cheerleaders



Last Will And Testament

WE, the senior class of 1955, being of perplexed mind and of as sound body as can be expected as this twelfth year draws to a close, do hereby declare this our last will, and hope the beneficiaries can use these valuable talents.

To our beloved faculty we bequeath the following:

To Mr. Ensley we leave traffic lights and a yellow line down the center of the hall to stop congestion.

To Mrs. Sink we leave a guide to show her around the library.

To Mrs. Rector we leave an entire class of future old maids so they will keep her Home Economics Department "shiny."

To Mr. Sizemore we leave a large box of Johnson & Johnson's cotton so that he can get some sleep without being disturbed by tiny voices.

To Mr. Tomberlin we leave a Mrs. Tomberlin.

To Mrs. Louise Baldwin we leave partitions between the chairs to separate those study hall talkers.

To Mr. May we leave a loud speaker so the students can hear the notes he dictates.

To Mrs. Dunn we leave a book entitled Our Interpretations of Maw Dunn's Sign Language.

To Mrs. Rosa Lee Baldwin we leave a class of model students who "think maturely."

To Mr. Nesbitt we leave a large "economy size" bottle of Charles Antell's formula No.-9.

Now to the students we leave the following:

I, Mary Evelyn Allen, leave my quiet, reserved manner to Leon Metcalf.

I, Kenneth Bagwell, bequeath my "hot rod" Mercury to Tommy Ann Clontz so that she won't have to creep around in her Studebaker.

I, Pauline Baldwin, will my "way with the fellows" to Joan Conner.

I, Genell Baldwin, do leave my bottle of RDX to Lloyd "Peanut" Reid. If he uses it, there will be one less junior.

I, Lee Boyd, bequeath my ability to survive without sleep to Pat Hardie, so she will have time for Johnnie, square dancing, and bookkeeping homework.

I, Shirley Brackett, do leave my peroxide to Norma Middleton, and may she get as many whistles as the former user.

I, Jackie Brown, leave my red hair dye to Boyce Kanupp.

I, Mary Jo Butler, will my driver's license to Franklin Jones so he can really go places.

I, Frank Cordell, leave my neat ways to Vickey Blythe, although she doesn't need them.

I, Roy Cornwell, bequeath my love of "home life" to Edith Buckner. She might as well get used to it.

I, Ray Gasperson, leave my tall, handsome physique to Ethel Kyle.

I, Billie Jo Glenn, will my "love for get-togethers" to Mr. May.

I, Johnnie Graham, bequeath my privilege to take agriculture to Peggy Ann Carroll.

I, David Hardie, return Jack Creasman's bus number 33. Thanks, pal!

I, Betty Hare, bequeath my ability to catch and hold a man to Ann Weir.

I, Scott Harmon, leave my innocent look when Mrs. Dunn says, "Who did that?" to Ola Thain.

I, Stuart Hart, will my "Rattilac" to Ann Creasman, who likes "the finer things of life".

I, Anne Hawes, leave my "witty ways" to Cordelia Higgins.

I, Harold Holbert, will my comfortable chair for sleeping in English to Betty Bagwell.

I, Pauline King, leave my old "31" and love for sports to Charles Hogshed.

I, Dickie Johnson, leave to Maxine Treadway anything she can find when I'm gone.

I, Richard Ledbetter, bequeath my "skilled" driving practices to Elaine Lance.

I, Eloise McBee, have only sympathy to leave the next year's annual editor, Joan DuBose.

I, Shirley McDonald, will my curls to Roy Israel.

I, Nancy Whitaker, leave my old cookbook to the confirmed bachelor, Jack Stepp.

I, Kenneth Metcalf, leave my love for sports to Betty Lou Hollifield.

I, Maxine Metcalf, leave my "knack" for cooking to Obie Moore and hope he uses it in his chosen profession.

I, Eddie Murray, bequeath my desire to win the tournament to Yvonne Kale.

I, Jim Nalley, haven't been here long enough to have anything to leave.

I, Rose Mary Peck, leave my cash box to G. B. Gasperson for carrying his fishing tackle.
 I, Virginia Ray, leave my shorthand book to Clark Lisenbee.
 I, Jimmie Searcy, leave my sociology discussion questions to Gail Haney.
 I, Doris Sumner, will my locker full of memories to George Shipman.
 I, Louise Tandy, bequeath my much-used typewriter to Calvin Metcalf.
 I, Sally Tandy, do hereby leave my quiet, refined manner to Vernon Cordell.
 I, Elenora Tate, will my perfected giggle to Beverly Price to use in her classes next year.
 I, Gudrun Unger, leave what's left of my German accent to Robert Ball.
 I, Joe Ward, leave my love of athletics, hunting, and fishing to Betty Ledbetter.
 I, Catherine Woods, leave my understanding of those long sociology words to Bill Norteman.
 I, Allen Young, bequeath my ability and pleasure of keeping Mrs. Dunn in a "slow burn" for a whole period at a time to Shannon Cochrane.
 I, Bill Wilkie, bequeath my naturally beautiful voice, my musical talent, and my vast knowledge to Elizabeth Tomberlin.
 We, Pat McCrary, Gene Ducker, Robert Herzberg, Charles Wells, and Frank Harmon, gladly leave the juniors to join the seniors.

Betty Hare and David Hardie

When We Were Young And Gay



Class Prophecy

As we, the class of 1955, sit back and study the future with interest and hope, we see many new and strange happenings. We see both ourselves and our classmates, some settled and some still roaming. Let's just look ahead and see what has happened.

Robert Herzberg has settled down on Mount Mitchell as the weatherman. He lets us know when to go swimming or ice skating.

Sally Tandy, who was always fond of baby sitting, now makes quite a good living. She has her own private business, "Sally's Sitting Service."

Since Frank Harmon always loved chewing gum, he has finally invented a new gum, "The Wrinkle-Proof". Believe it or not, it is a success.

Elenora Tate is now up in Washington where she is a private secretary to the president. Of course Gene is there, too.

Eloise McBee, now president of Mars Hill College, seems to be quite happy in her position. Of course she will have a great job in the future since some of the students are to follow in the foot-steps of their parents (the class of '55).

Bill Wilkie, the greatest scientist of today, lives on the sun. He is now working on a way for some of his friends to join him.

Mary Evelyn Allen, who was never fond of boys, now writes an "Advice for the Lovelorn" column in the New York Times. Take heed; she has some good ideas.

In the field of sports, Dickie Johnson is high in the spotlight. He has taken Mr. Moto's place in wrestling.

Pauline King is now in the John Hopkins Hospital resting up for her part in the Olympics. We know she'll be a star player--with Lloyd's help.

Joe Ward, now Vice-President of the United States, is campaigning from New York to California--he wants to be President. Of course, he wants a beautiful blond for a secretary.

Louise Tandy, now waiting for her divorce papers for the sixth time, is getting impatient. She is planning to go back to her first husband, Orves Young.

Frank Cordell, the neatest boy of our class, now has his own clothing shop. All men go to "Frank's Fashion Front" for the best in clothes.

Pauline Baldwin has hit Hollywood with a bang. She enjoys her work but gets lonesome for her sailor boy. Does Harold get lonesome, too?

Kenneth Metcalf is now a private detective. He is, at the present, working on the world-wide case of "Who Donit."

Rose Mary Peck now models clothes in Paris. J. B. is her designer, so of course she enjoys her work.

Jimmie Searcy, our "prettiest" boy, is still roaming. He is looking for Marilyn Monroe II. We all are giving him our highest hopes.

Since Gudrun Unger knows so much about "good-looking clothes," she is a designer for such women as Eleanor Roosevelt, Mrs. Vanderbilt, Jr., and all the movie stars. Is Steve any help?

Eddie Murray now has his own baseball team that has won the world series for the past ten years. The "Murray Mighties" can defeat anybody and everybody.

Genell Baldwin, now Genell Fox, who owns the pretty '75 Pontiac, is sure riding high. She and Ernest now live in Marshall where she is sheriff.

David Hardie, still witty as ever, has his own television show. He has taken Red Skelton's place.

Ann Hawes is playing baseball for the New York Giants. She says Robert makes a good manager--and husband.

Stuart Hart is living in Florida now. He doesn't like to drive long distances often, so he decided to move there to be with "Her" all the time.

Doris Sumner, who always was good at bookkeeping, is doing a very good job of keeping books for General Motors, Inc. In a year or two she and her husband will be owners of this company.

Roy Cornwell, who has taken up boxing as a profession, seems to be "hitting hard". He far surpasses Joe Louis.

Nancy Whitaker, who loves to drive, finally succeeded in buying herself an airplane. She and Red don't like to fool around getting places so they just fly. It will be a jet, next.

Richard Ledbetter now teaches Latin at Western Carolina College. He can rattle it off much faster than English.

Kenneth Bagwell lives in Texas. He is the writer of those famous western books. He got all his information while reading so much in English class.

Allen Young, who wins all the hot-rod races the world over, is now in Dr. Leonard's Hospital, undergoing treatment for fallen-arches.

Lee Boyd has taken up medicine practice and has become Dr. Boyd. Of course, he chose this because his favorite person is a nurse.

Maxine Metcalf, who used to sing "My Baby's Coming Home," finally got to stop. Grover is now home, and they are at present governor and first lady of North Carolina.

Jack Brown, who struck oil in his back yard, is now a rich bachelor living at ease in his mansion in Skyland.

Ray Gasperson, now principal of Valley Springs, has finally succeeded in putting a bed in his office. He takes it easy.

Billie Jo Glenn, who we all knew would make a model mother, now has her proof. She lives in Ohio, since she married the governor, and is successfully rearing sixteen kids.

Since Johnnie Graham loved bus driving, he drives a subway train in New York. Pat is a lot of help as his assistant.

Scott Harmon has never found his special one. He is a traveling salesman in hopes of meeting the "one."

Harold Holbert, now an Admiral in the United States Navy, is enjoying life at sea. To beat it all, he has his private ship.

Gene Ducker is a teacher at WCC now. He teaches a special class on "direct objects."

Catherine Woods, who is now attending "Aviation School for Women," hopes to be the greatest jet pilot ever to attempt flying.

Shirley McDonald, now the greatest woman swimmer of all times, has a peculiar hobby. She swims the English Channel twice a week.

Mary Jo Butler, who started singing in the Grand Ole Opry, has finally ended up singing in the Metropolitan Opera.

Charles Wells, now a deep sea diver, has an adventurous life. Wanting to be famous, he found an old treasure from the Titanic.

Pat McCrary, now owning the construction company and several new cars, has life like a king--he is boss.

Betty Hare, whose husband is a four star General in Europe, is now sitting around preparing to write a book, Experience Brings Grey Hair, from her experience with her dozen boys-- she thought they were "cheaper by the dozen."

Since Jim Nalley did so well at helping run the Lake Grill he decided to have a business of his own. He now owns the chain of Jim Nalley's Restaurants (the former Howard Johnson's Restaurants).

Virginia Ray, now a housewife to a certain boy in Burnsville, is happily settled--never to worry about shorthand again.

As we return to our present day happenings, we realize we have only been dreaming, and we are still in old Valley Springs. But who knows, some of these things could happen.

Maxine Metcalf



Shirley





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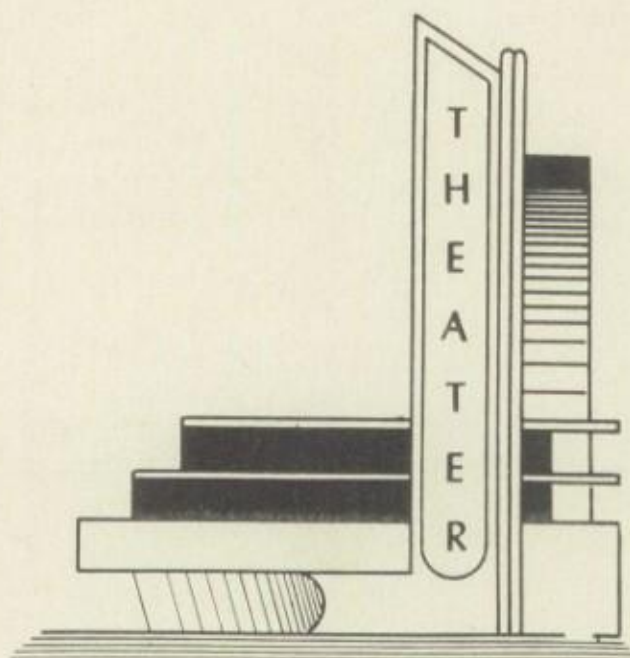
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